



King County

Citizen's guide to the 2006 Metropolitan King County Council

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Metropolitan King County Council (from left): Front Row - Jane Hague (Vice-Chair of Council Affairs), Larry Gossett (Vice-Chair of Policy and Administration), Pete von Reichbauer (Vice-Chair of Regional Affairs), and Julia Patterson. Back Row - Reagan Dunn, Dow Constantine, Larry Phillips (Chair), Kathy Lambert, and Bob Ferguson.

What the Council does for you

The Metropolitan King County Council governs the 13th most populous county in the nation and oversees the second largest government in Washington state, with 1.8 million people living within 2,200 square miles.

As the legislative branch of King County government, the King County Council helps constituents, sets policies, enacts laws, and adopts the annual county budget. By carefully scrutinizing every ordinance, motion and budget, the Council has identified hundreds of millions of dollars in savings over the past decade.

We provide regional leadership and reliable services through oversight of:

- Criminal justice services, such as sheriff's deputies, prosecutors and public defenders, District and Superior Courts, juvenile detention, and adult jails,

- Metro Transit bus service and county roads,
- King County International Airport (Boeing Field),
- Wastewater treatment and solid waste management,
- Public health and human services,
- Regional parks and Aquatic Center, and
- Records, elections, and licensing.

King County is also the local government for the urban and rural unincorporated areas and provides contract services to many of the 39 cities inside the county.

County Council meetings

The full Council meets Mondays at 1:30 p.m. on the 10th floor of the King County Courthouse. The Council functions through the work of its standing and regional committees. Regional committees include elected officials from other jurisdictions.

Message from the Council Chair

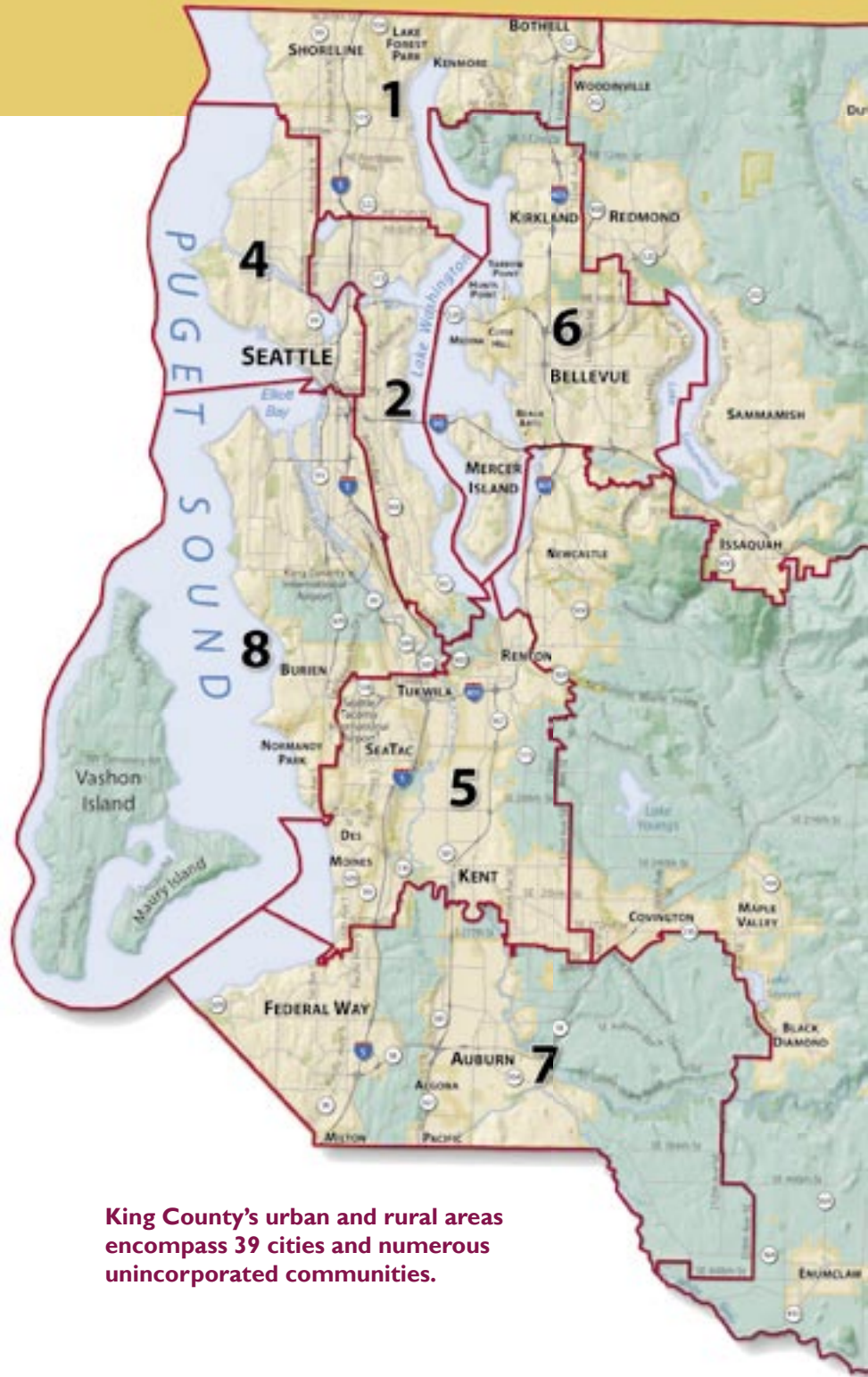


Larry Phillips
Council Chair

You expect the best from your government. We aim to measure up to your expectations. Our priorities are those functions of county government that most affect your quality of life: ensuring safe and healthy communities, address-

ing urgent transportation needs, continuing to improve the election process, connecting with and preserving our rural communities and agricultural legacy, staying prepared for emergencies, and remaining responsible stewards of the environment. We continue to bring monthly Town Hall meetings to communities throughout King County, getting out of the Courthouse to talk with you about these priorities—and YOURS.

We are elected locally to provide regional leadership, and this year our responsibilities have grown. Now more than ever, we need your participation in your government. Come speak at our public meetings. If you can't, watch them live or on tape on King County Television, or view streaming videos of all meetings on our Web site. Write a letter, send an e-mail, or just give us a call. Whether you need help using county services or have a comment about a regional issue, we look forward to hearing from you.



King County's urban and rural areas encompass 39 cities and numerous unincorporated communities.

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King County's urban and rural landscape



King County Council Committees

Committee of the Whole - Considers complex legislation and policy issues of interest to the entire council. Establishes labor policies. Only committee on which all nine members serve.

Capital Budget - Oversees the planning, management, maintenance and financing of major construction and capital improvement projects.

Operating Budget - Oversees the revenues and expenditures in various county funds that pay for the day-to-day operations of the entire range of county services.

Growth Management and Natural Resources - Considers policies relating to land use development, comprehensive planning, water quality and development regulations; regional, county-wide and unincorporated area planning policies; natural and cultural resources; and utility services including wastewater treatment and water supply.

Labor, Operations and Technology - Recommends policies for increased efficiency, productivity and performance of county departments. Reviews labor agreements and information technology policies.

Law, Justice and Human Services - Oversees the county's criminal justice system of police, courts, prosecution and defense, and jails, as well as human service, public health and civil rights programs.

Transportation - Oversees construction and maintenance of county roads and management and operations of Metro Transit bus service. Promotes intergovernmental collaboration on regional transportation projects.

Regional Policy - Provides a countywide forum for development and review of regional policies related to such issues as public health, human services, solid waste and criminal justice.

Regional Transit - Recommends plans and policies for improvement, expansion and financing of transit services; passenger and operator security; and such facilities as passenger shelters, park and ride lots and bus bases.

Regional Water Quality - Provides policy oversight for wastewater treatment operations, including capital facility planning, siting and financing.

Legislative Steering - Advances the interests of the people of King County to Congress and the Washington State Legislature.

2006 Metropolitan King County Council Committees

Committee of the Whole

Every Monday at 9:30 a.m.

Chair: Larry Gossett

Vice Chairs: Jane Hague and Larry Phillips

Members: All Councilmembers

Capital Budget Committee

1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.

Chair: Bob Ferguson

Vice Chairs: Larry Gossett and Pete von Reichbauer

Members: Dow Constantine, Jane Hague

Operating Budget Committee

2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.

Chair: Dow Constantine

Vice Chairs: Larry Gossett and Kathy Lambert

Members: Bob Ferguson, Jane Hague

Growth Management & Natural Resources Committee

1st, 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.

Chair: Dow Constantine

Policy Chair of Growth Management: Dow Constantine

Policy Chair of Unincorporated and Rural Affairs:
Reagan Dunn

Policy Chair of Natural Resources, Parks and Utilities:
Jane Hague

Members: Larry Gossett, Larry Phillips

Labor, Operations & Technology Committee

2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m.

Chair: Larry Gossett

Vice Chair: Jane Hague

Members: Julia Patterson

Law, Justice & Human Services Committee

1st & 3rd Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.

Chair: Bob Ferguson

Policy Chair of Law and Justice: Bob Ferguson

Policy Chair of Human Services: Kathy Lambert

Members: Reagan Dunn, Larry Gossett, Julia Patterson

Transportation Committee

2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m.

Chair: Julia Patterson

Vice Chair: Reagan Dunn

Members: Bob Ferguson, Larry Gossett, Jane Hague

Legislative Steering Committee

As needed

Co-Chairs: Dow Constantine and Kathy Lambert

Members: All Councilmembers

Regional Policy Committee

1st Wednesday at 3:00 p.m.

Chair: Pete von Reichbauer

Members: Reagan Dunn, Bob Ferguson, Kathy Lambert, Julia Patterson, Larry Phillips

Suburban Cities Association Members: Auburn Mayor Pete Lewis, Enumclaw Mayor John Wise, Renton Mayor Kathy Keolker, Newcastle City Councilmember Sonny Putter

City of Seattle Members: Councilmember Jean Godden, Councilmember Tom Rasmussen

Regional Transit Committee

3rd Wednesday at 3:00 p.m.

Chair: Reagan Dunn

Vice Chair: Julia Patterson

Members: Dow Constantine, Kathy Lambert, Larry Phillips, Pete von Reichbauer

Suburban Cities Association Members: Federal Way City Councilmember Jeanne Burbidge, Issaquah City Councilmember Fred Butler, Tukwila City Councilmember Pam Carter, Sammamish City Councilmember Kathy Huckabay, Burien Mayor Joan McGilton, SeaTac Deputy Mayor Ralph Shape, Auburn City Councilmember Roger Thordarson, Shoreline Mayor Robert Ransom

City of Seattle Members: Councilmember Jan Drago, Councilmember Tom Rasmussen

Regional Water Quality Committee

2nd Wednesday at 3:00 p.m.

Chair: Larry Phillips

Vice Chair: Jane Hague

Members: Dow Constantine, Larry Gossett, Kathy Lambert, Pete von Reichbauer

Suburban Cities Association Members: Auburn City Councilmember Bill Peloza, Issaquah City Councilmember Nancy Davidson, Tukwila Mayor Steve Mullet, Shoreline City Councilmember Rich Gustafson

City of Seattle Members: Councilmember Sally Clark, Councilmember Richard Conlin

Sewer District Members: Cedar River Water/Sewer District Commissioner Walter M. Canter, Southwest Suburban Sewer District Commissioner William Tracy

Employment Committee

1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m.

Chair: Jane Hague

Vice Chair: Larry Gossett

Members: Kathy Lambert, Larry Phillips

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